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Consumer Protection Services Program**

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SUBJECT: Expert Consultant/Practice Monitor Selection Criteria and Expectations	DATE ADOPTED: MAY 21, 1999 (Revised 02/17/09)
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POLICY: The Physical Therapy Board of California (PTBC) shall review all applications submitted by candidates for Expert Consultants and Practice Monitors.

CANDIDATES:

1. Have held a valid California license to practice physical therapy for the immediate 5 years prior to selection and any case review.
2. Submit a current Curriculum Vita that documents training, education and experience.
3. Must not have been subject to disciplinary action by the PTBC. Disciplinary action is defined as the filing of an Accusation or Statement of Issues that was not dismissed.
4. Must not be the subject of a case pending in the Attorney General's Office for violation of any laws relating to the practice of physical therapy at the time of application.
5. Must not have been the subject of an investigation by the PTBC for a violation closed with merit within the last five (5) years. Such as:
 - 2660 (d) Conviction of a crime that substantially relates to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. The record of conviction or a certified copy thereof shall be conclusive evidence of that conviction.
 - 2660 (e) Habitual intemperance.
 - 2660 (f) Addiction to the excessive use of any habit-forming drug.
 - 2660 (g) Gross negligence in his or her practice a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.
 - 2660 (h) Conviction of a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or of the State Medical Practice Act, or violating, or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the State Medical Practice Act.
 - 2660 (i) The aiding or abetting of any person to violate this chapter or any regulations duly adopted under this chapter.

- 2660 (j) The aiding or abetting of any person to engage in the unlawful practice of physical therapy.
 - 2660 (k) The commission of any fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt act which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.
 - 2660 (m) The commission of verbal abuse or sexual harassment.
6. Must not have any conflict of interest regarding the case or practice to be reviewed/monitored.
 7. Must accept the PTBC hourly compensation. (Expert Consultants.)
 8. Must conduct onsite review of records if needed for a case assigned to them at the PTBC request.
 9. Must work in cooperation with the PTBC approved Compliance Monitor. (Practice Monitors)
 10. Must testify at administrative hearing or consult with the Attorney General's Office or investigative staff whenever necessary.
 11. Must complete the case review within 15 business days or sooner if warranted by emergent nature of the case. (Expert Consultants)
 12. Must preserve the confidentiality of all records and identities of involved parties in the reviewed cases.
 13. Must maintain the case records in a secured location, accessible only to the expert/monitor.

BACKGROUND: The above criteria were developed in order to assure fair and successful litigation of the PTBC enforcement cases in the most cost-effective and timely manner.

IMPLEMENTATION: Effective immediately